

I want to raise my voice in support of INDEPENDENT radio stations. I don't believe that "listener surveys" (they never ask ME) represent the entire spectrum of listeners, and fear that some of the more "unusual" or "non-mainstream" musical voices will be lost if all programming is derived from such surveys.

I began listening to independent radio in about 1966. I have been a subscriber to some stations, a listener to many, have done radio shows of my own, and have been a guest on others. My life has been greatly enriched by these non-mainstream sources of information and entertainment.

PLEASE do everything possible to retain independent radio, including any available federal grant money to help sustain it.